

BEHA newsletter

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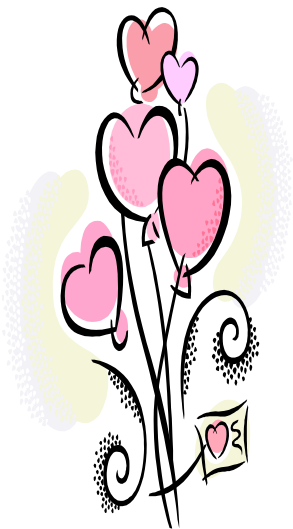
Issue ONE

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Happy Valentines Day!



Greetings !

Wow! What an incredible cold start to 2011 here in North Texas. It is our hope that it went without disaster for any homeowners. One quick note about a phone call I received during our cold snap. A neighbor noticed that water was coming out of his neighbors home and called me to let me know. He had already gotten the water turned off. The owners of the home were not at home but because we had a directory with contacts I was able to contact them. Because of the quick and appropriate action the caller made, the damage was minimized. This is such a great place to live. ~Jerry



2011 Board Members

The first quarter meeting took place in January and the minutes are posted on our web site. Below are your new Board Members for 2011.

Jerry McDermott—President

Tom Soulsby—Vice President

Duane Heckelsberg—Vice President

Stephen Tellez—Secretary

Amy Keltner—Treasurer

Thoughts for your kind Consideration....

We need your help...please spread the word through your household. Recently we have had a few issues with violations of our covenants and would ask that all of us do our best to comply with them. Here are the top three complaints that the board receives from your neighbors;

1. Cars parked on the street too long. The Covenants allow for temporary parking but this is being abused.
2. Parking of illegal vehicles in driveways, such as large commercial vehicles and RV's.
3. Overgrown yards.

Website

Rita Hanson has completed the website project. The site is up and running. The web site has good information and neighborhood updates. This week we will post the dates for this years garage sale and neighborhood picnic. You will also find copies of the covenants, neighborhood directory and other good information.

If you have not yet checked it out, you should find some time to do so.

Also take a few minutes to fill out the website survey...give us your input. A big Thank You to those of you who have!



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Status of Homeowner Dues Collections

So far we have received about 80% of dues owed for 2011. We would obviously like to have them all collected as soon as possible. If you've not yet sent them in we ask that you do so immediately. Last year our dues repaired the neighborhoods electrical at the main entrance, had all of the vegetation trimmed increasing the traffic line of sight on Keller Smithfield, allowed us to create a web site, distribute information, have a garage sale, picnic, and decorate a little for Christmas. Most of all we paid all of our bills, (Utilities, sprinkler system repairs, storage, and landscaping). Please be considerate and get those to us soon. Truly the neighborhood counts on all of us to do our part. If you have a situation during this strange economy please let us know and we will certainly work with you. If you have not yet paid you can get a hold of any of the board members or send your payment to:

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Do you know how Valentines Day got started? February 14 is [Valentines Day](#), the day on which we celebrate and explore love in all it's many ideals. How a day for lovers came to be celebrated during the middle of February is an interesting and ages old story. The story of Valentines Day begins during the heyday of the Roman Empire, which held a festival every February. This Lupercian Festival was held in honor of the God of Fertility and during the festivities young men would get to choose their mate. At the time marriage was a common occurrence, but when Claudius became Emperor he changed all of that. Fearing that men would refuse their duty to fight because they would not want to leave their wives behind, he outlawed all marriages. Young couples still fell in love though and still wished to marry and they took these desires to the Catholic Bishop [Valentine](#) who, understanding love, began to secretly marry couples. When Claudius found out, he had Valentine arrested and ordered put to death. While waiting in jail, Valentine began exchanging letters with the jailer's daughter and soon had fallen in love with her. The day he was to be beheaded, he wrote her one last note and signed it: "From Your Valentine".

In 496 A.D. Christianity had taken over Rome and Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan Lupercian Festival. Knowing it's popularity, he looked to replace it with something more "appropriate" and set aside a day in February to honor the martyr St. Valentine. Even though in 1969 the church removed St. Valentines Day from it's calendar of "official" holidays, it is still widely celebrated today....although differently in every country.